

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-30 and 43-72 remain pending. The Examiner allowed claims 43-72. Claims 5-12 and 14-26 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to reflect the limitations of now canceled claims 2 and 5. In depending either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, claims 3, 4 and 6-13 are therefore respectfully submitted to be allowable. Claim 14 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of original claims 1 and 13 and should therefore be allowable. In depending directly from amended claim 14, claims 15-24 are respectfully submitted to be allowable. Claim 25 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of original claim 1 and should therefore be allowable. In depending either directly or indirectly from amended claim 25, dependent claims 26-30 are therefore respectfully submitted to be allowable. Pursuant to the Outstanding Office Action, the amendments above are believed to place the Application into condition for allowance. Applicants hereby reserve the right to present claims of the original scope in continuing applications.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application is solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 303-410-9254.

Respectfully submitted,
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